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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

SEE MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for the processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages: 19]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No. 5605USA

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Title METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING INGREDIENT BLENDING

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 - ii. paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Citations Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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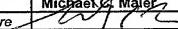
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Application Number	
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Attorney Docket No.	5605USA

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 Applicant Claims small entity status.

See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	740.00
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims			Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 21-20**	= 1	x 18.00	= 18.00	
Indep. Claims 3-3**	= -0-	x 84.00	= -0-	
Multiple Dependent			=	
Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description		
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20		
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
109 84	209 42	" Reissue independent claims		
110 18	210 9	over original patent		
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Fee Description	Fee Paid
Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
Non-English specification	
For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
Extension for reply within first month	
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Extension for reply within third month	
Extension for reply within fourth month	
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Notice of Appeal	
Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
Request for oral hearing	
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Petition to revive – unavoidable	
Petition to revive – unintentional	
Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Design issue fee	
Plant issue fee	
Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129 (a))	
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